

1st PLACE JUSTIFICATION

The winning design was selected as it best met the jury criteria. The design created a “Backyard” for downtown residents and visitors. The space is truly intended to serve as a place for the people of Indianapolis.

The plaza would feature a variety of spaces with alternating activities including a central splash park/ice rink, café, game area, presentation area, and outdoor seating. The wide variety of activities invites and encourages all demographics to play and interact. Every separate activity and space is also well connected; inviting a continual use of the plaza.

The plaza design is elevated by two feet from the ground level providing a comfortable overlook on the surrounding area. This elevation also provides a nice seating area along the Cultural Trail.

The design reuses the existing granite pavers on the splash park/ice rink. The dark granite coupled with water would provide a sharp reflection of the architecture of the City-County Building.

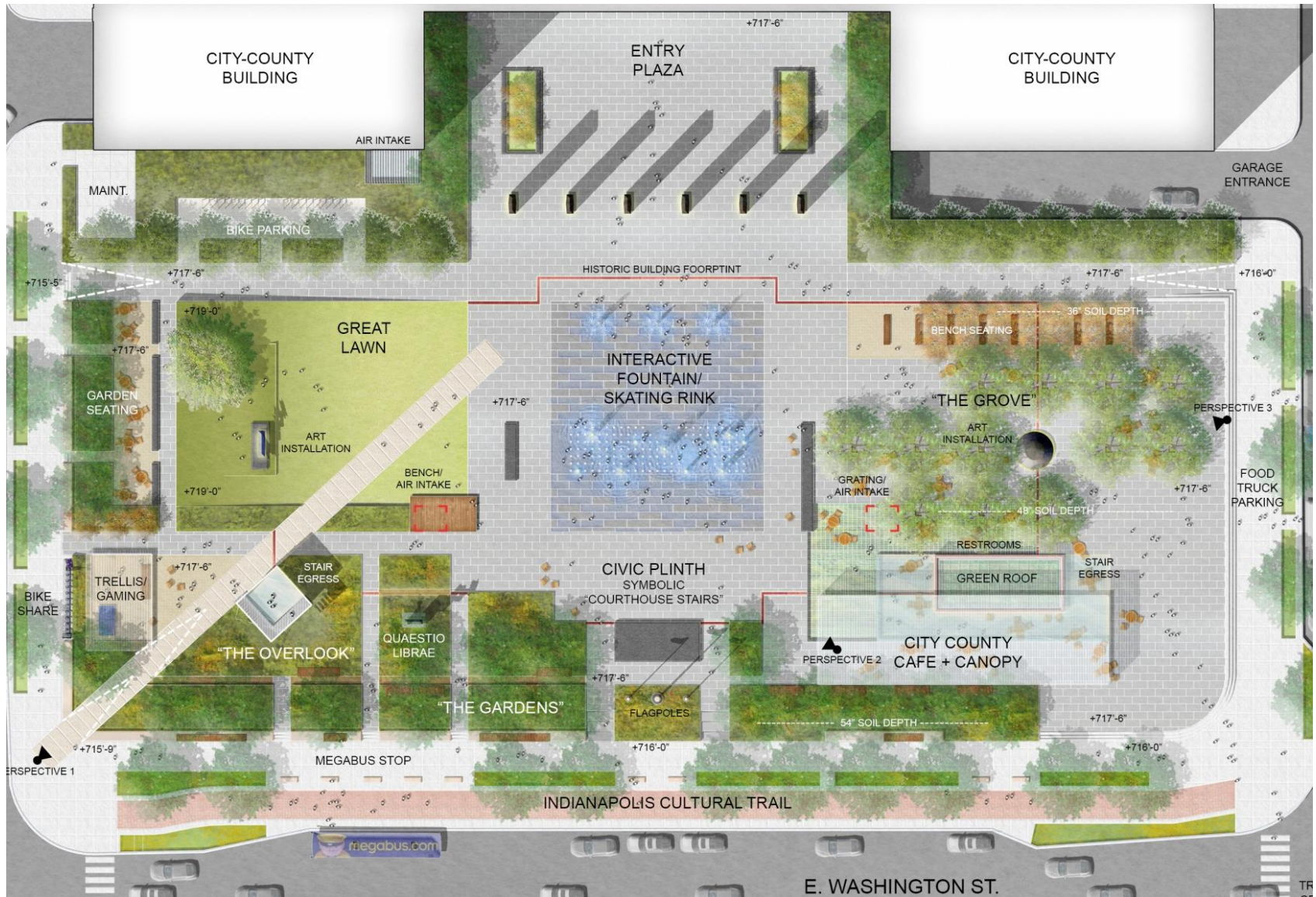
The design also recognizes the former Marion County Courthouse by creating a “Plinth” and building footprint outline in the form of physical pavers around the plaza.

While the proposed cost exceeds that of the provided budget, the jury decided that the other design criteria weighed more heavily with this submission and the heightened costs were justified. The proposal can also be implemented in phases and there are a range of options in order to reduce the final budget.

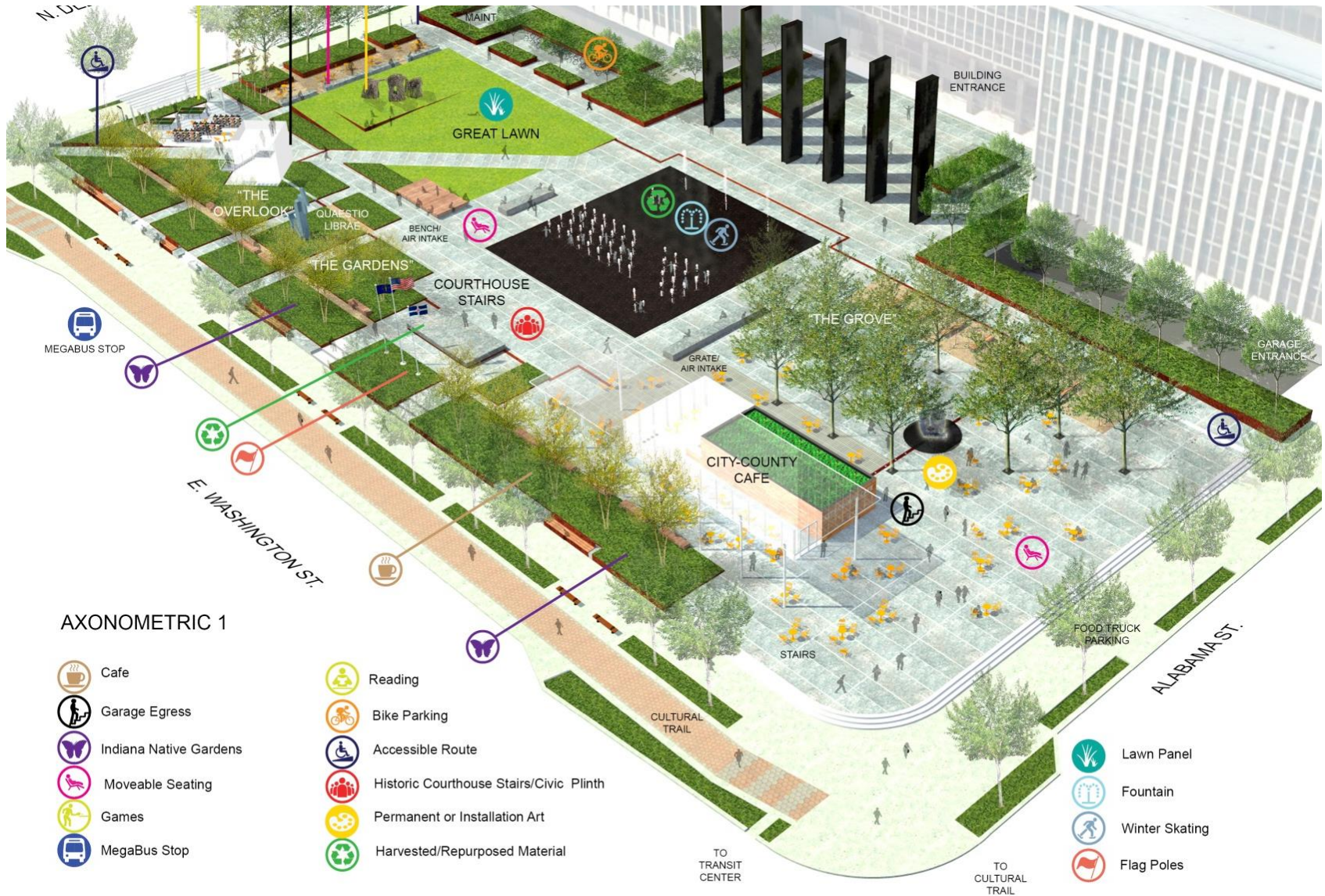
Finally, below are some bulleted remarks from the jury members including both positive (green) and negative (red) comments:

- Symbolic and Elegant Design
- Strong Physical Elements and Soft Design Elements
- Strong Visual Connections into the Plaza
- Great Pedestrian Circulation and Access
- Needs More Activities along the Cultural Trail
- Lack of Iconic Symbol
- Lack of Topography
- Cost Feasibility

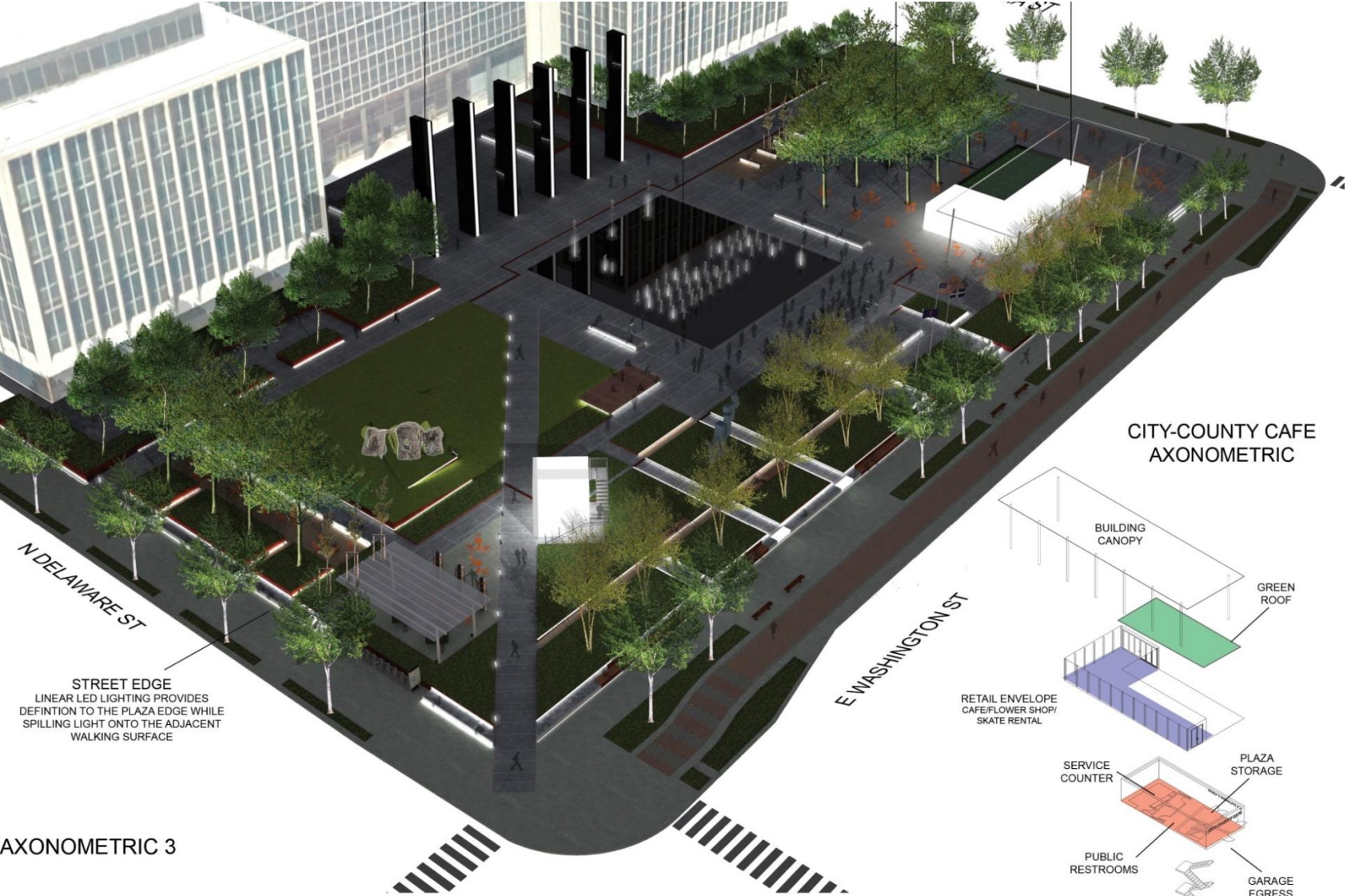
"Civic/Active/Garden" Submission



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FLAG POLES
AXIAL RELATIONSHIP
TO THE CIVIC ZONE

QUAESTIO LIBRAE
RELOCATED
SCULPTURE SET INTO
GARDEN EDGE

INSTALLATION ART
INTERACTIVE SCULPTURE
DOUBLES AS CHILDREN'S PLAY
AREA

GREAT LAWN
TILTED SURFACE ALLOWS
PICNICS IN THE PARK AS WELL AS
OVERFLOW SEATING FOR LARGE
EVENTS

INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN
ALLOWS USERS TO DOWNLOAD AN
APPLICATION TO THEIR PHONE TO
SELECT MUSIC AND LIGHTING

EXISTING BUILDING PILLARS
BLACK GRANITE FOUNTAIN BASIN AND
FOUNTAIN JETS VISUALLY INTEGRATE
PILLARS WITH THE PLAZA



"THE GARDENS"
NATIVE PLANTINGS PROVIDE
DEFINITION TO THE STREET EDGE
AND SEPARATION OF PEDESTRIANS
FROM VEHICLES

CIVIC PLINTH
LOCATED AT THE HISTORIC
COURTHOUSE STAIRS, THE PLINTH
SERVES AS A BAND STAGE AND
PLATFORM SPEAKING

MARION COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
FOOTPRINT
SUBTLY INTEGRATED INTO PLAZA
THROUGH THE USE OF WALLS,
PLANTER EDGES AND PAVING

WATER SCRIM
BLACK GRANITE REPURPOSED AS
PAVERS CREATES A REFLECTIVE
SURFACE

METAL DECKING
DECKING HIDES AIR INTAKE AND
PROVIDES WALKABLE SURFACE OVER
LOW PLANTINGS BENEATH

"Civic/Active/Garden" Submission

CITY-COUNTY CAFE +
PUBLIC RESTROOMS +
STORAGE

"THE GROVE"
SHADED SEATING W/ TREES IN
FLUSH PAVING PROVIDE FLUID
CIRCULATION THROUGH SPACE TO
MAIN BUILDING ENTRANCE

INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN +
WATER SCRIM

MARION COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
FOOTPRINT
SUBTLY INTEGRATED INTO PLAZA
THROUGH THE USE OF WALLS,
PLANTER EDGES AND PAVING



INSTALLATION ART
RECLAIMED GRANITE PLINTH SETS
UP AXIAL RELATIONSHIP TO
FOUNTAIN AND PROVIDES A
PLATFORM FOR ART

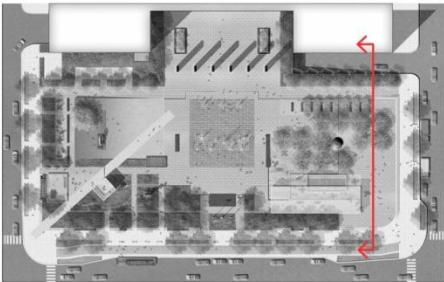
MOVEABLE SITE
FURNITURE

BENCH SEATING
IN DECOMPOSED GRANITE UNDER
FLOWERING TREE BOSQUE

“Civic/Active/Garden” Submission

THE TILT

TILTING THE PLAZA ELEVATION LINE FROM THE EXISTING (GREEN LINE) TO THE PROPOSED (YELLOW LINE) RAISES THE PLAZA WHILE MAINTAINING THE FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING AT 717'-6". THIS TILTING OF THE PLAZA PROVIDES TWO IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES: INCREASED SOIL VOLUME ACROSS THE PLAZA ALLOWING TREE PLACEMENT IN GRADE; AND AN ELEVATED EDGE ALONG THE ADJACENT STREET FRONTAGE PROVIDING SEATING, STAIR ACCESS AND SECURITY MEASURES.



SITE SECTION SCALE: 1"=50'

